**NSA Mission:**

The National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) leads the U.S. Government in cryptology that encompasses both Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) and Information Assurance (IA) products and services, and enables Computer Network Operations (CNO) in order to gain a decision advantage for the Nation and our allies under all circumstances.

The Information Assurance mission confronts the formidable challenge of preventing foreign adversaries from gaining access to sensitive or classified national security information. The Signals Intelligence mission collects, processes, and disseminates intelligence information from foreign signals for intelligence and counterintelligence purposes and to support military operations. This Agency also enables Network Warfare operations to defeat terrorists and their organizations at home and abroad, consistent with U.S. laws and the protection of privacy and civil liberties.

**Key Technology Areas:**

- o Analytics
- o Information Assurance
- o Mobility
- o Visualization and Presentation
- o Cyber
- o Architectures and Frameworks
- o High Performance Computing

**Opportunities**

Innovative Mission Capabilities Program (IMC) - The IMC program is limited to small businesses and focuses on innovative ideas and technical capabilities companies can prototype in three months and for a fixed price. IMC is designed to provide companies insight into NSA's mission needs and provide NSA visibility into a company's capabilities while following a rapid acquisition process designed to address the needs of a small company's business model. IMC provides a pathway for companies to effectively and rapidly engage with NSA – even if the company does not currently have security clearances or has not previously worked for NSA because all work is done unclassified and in the company's own facilities.

Innovations BAA - NSA needs new ways to engage with sources of innovation to take advantage of new developments and advances occurring outside of NSA. The Innovations Broad Agency Announcements (BAA) is a new initiative designed to provide NSA with increased agility to rapidly engage with sources of innovation as technology, world events, and mission requirements evolve and change. The Innovations BAA is open to academia and all companies, regardless of size.

**Resources**

- o [www.nsa.gov](www.nsa.gov)  – information about NSA in general

- o [https://www.nsa.gov/business/programs/programs_for_innovation.shtml](https://www.nsa.gov/business/programs/programs_for_innovation.shtml) – Innovations Programs

- o [https://www.nsa.gov/business/getting_started/index.shtml](https://www.nsa.gov/business/getting_started/index.shtml) – Doing business with the NSA